

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
TEXARKANA DIVISION

AUGUSTUS C. WILLIAMS	§	
VS.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:08-CV-45
DIRECTOR, TDCJ-CID	§	

MEMORANDUM ORDER OVERRULING PETITIONER’S OBJECTIONS AND ADOPTING  
THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Petitioner Augustus C. Williams, a prisoner confined in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Correctional Institutions Division, brought this petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

The court ordered that this matter be referred to the Honorable Earl S. Hines, United States Magistrate Judge, for consideration pursuant to applicable laws and orders of this court. The magistrate judge has submitted a Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge. The magistrate judge recommends denying the petition.

The court has received and considered the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge, along with the record, pleadings, and all available evidence. Petitioner filed objections to the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation.

The court has conducted a *de novo* review of the objections in relation to the pleadings and the applicable law. *See* FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b). After careful consideration, the court concludes the objections are without merit. The sanction imposed in this case, twenty days of cell restriction, does not implicate a liberty interest. *Sandin v. Conner*, 515 U.S. 472, 483-84 (1995); *Malchi v. Thaler*, 211 F.3d 953, 958-59 (5th Cir. 2000). In addition, petitioner's property claim is not

cognizable in federal court because the state provides an adequate postdeprivation remedy. *Geiger v. Jowers*, 404 F.3d 371, 374 (5th Cir. 2005); *Murphy v. Collins*, 26 F.3d 541, 543-44 (5th Cir. 1994).

**ORDER**

Accordingly, petitioner's objections are **OVERRULED**. The findings of fact and conclusions of law of the magistrate judge are correct, and the report of the magistrate judge is **ADOPTED**. A final judgment will be entered in this case in accordance with the magistrate judge's recommendation.

**SIGNED this 29th day of April, 2008.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Folsom", written over a horizontal line.

DAVID FOLSOM  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE